



Eleanor 2016 RED WINE

"I met Eleanor in 1962 on the set of my first feature film. Having much in common, our friendship blossomed into a romance; we married, started a family, and dreamt of having a small country house in the Napa Valley and a few acres of grapes. Unexpectedly, we found ourselves the owners of a large, beautiful wine estate. Eleanor has always been a true partner in all my endeavors, bringing her creativity, honesty, and generous spirit to it all -- she's wife, mother, artist, filmmaker -- collaborator and inspiration. For all this and more, after 50 years of marriage, I want to honor her with 'Eleanor', her own wine." — Francis Ford Coppola

THE LABEL

The floral Art Deco design on the label honors Eleanor's love of textiles. She has traveled the world in pursuit of her passion for unique fabrics. This label reflects her special love for patterns that were prevalent during the Art Deco period.

THE VINTAGE

It wasn't until we crafted our first vintage of Eleanor that we realized just how beautifully our Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon blends with our Geyserville Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wine is always rich, robust, and extracted. 2016 experienced a traditional season where a cold, wet winter was followed by prolonged summer heat that let the fruit develop excellent flavor concentration and ripe tannins. Harvest was spread out over many weeks, creating a slow pace that allowed the winemaking team to devote more attention to each batch of fruit. This extra care is reflected in the exceptional quality of this complex blend.

THE TASTE

Full-bodied and explosive on the palate, our 2016 Eleanor offers decadence and impressive depth. A warm, spicy fragrance heady with scents of leather, tobacco, cocoa, and wild berries is followed by succulent impressions of plums, black cherries, and anise. The wine's richness carries through to the finish, where intriguing notes of lavender and minerals appear. This vintage will continue to evolve in the bottle for another 3-5 years if you have the patience.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley & Sonoma County

BLEND: 49% Sonoma County Syrah;
38% Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon;
13% Sonoma County
Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BARREL REGIMEN: 20 months in French oak